

1762

150th ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

FOUNDING

OF THE

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

PENNSYLVANIA

1912

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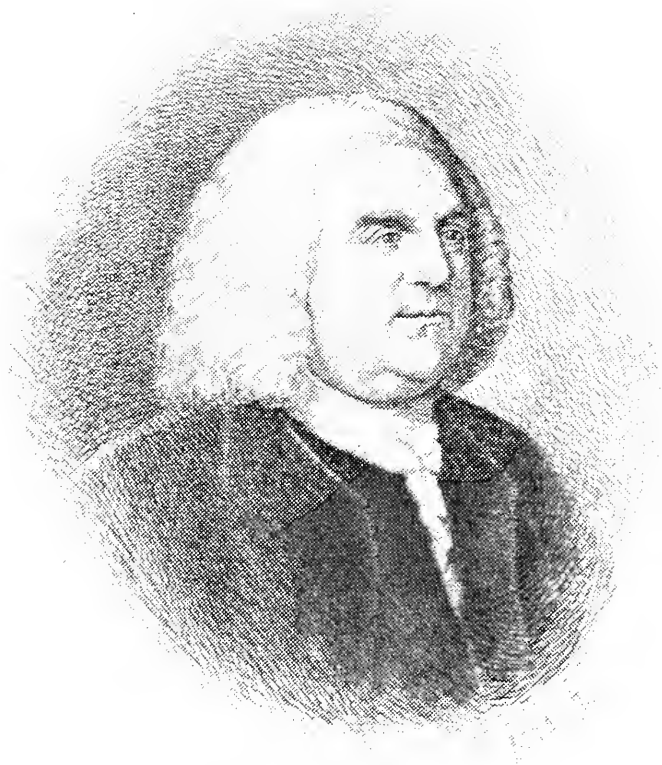


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WILLIAM ALLEN, THE FOUNDER OF ALLENTOWN, WAS BORN IN PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 5, 1704, THE SON OF WILLIAM ALLEN, MERCHANT, AND HIS WIFE, MARY BUDD. A DISTINGUISHED BARRISTER, AND A SUCCESSFUL MERCHANT, HE WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA IN 1735. HE WAS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA FROM 1750 TO 1774. HE DIED AT MT. AIRY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1780

IN 1762 THE TOWN OF ALLENTOWN, FROM FOURTH TO TENTH STREETS AND LIBERTY TO UNION STREETS, WAS LAID OUT UNDER HIS DIRECTION, ON A TRACT OF 3,338 ACRES, ALL OF WHICH HE DEEDED TO HIS SON, JAMES, ON JANUARY 5, 1767





Wm. Allen

JAMES ALLEN, THIRD SON OF WILLIAM ALLEN, WAS BORN IN 1742. HE GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA IN 1759 AND STUDIED LAW AT THE TEMPLE IN LONDON. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSEMBLY IN 1776. HE DIED AT PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 19, 1778

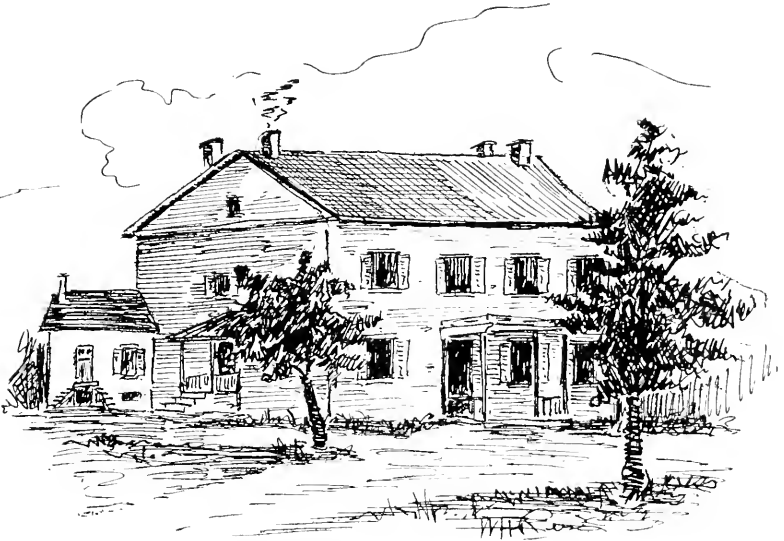




TROUT HALL WAS BUILT BY JAMES ALLEN IN 1770. IN HIS DIARY, UNDER DATE OF NOVEMBER 6, 1770, HE WROTE, "TWO DAYS AGO I RETURNED FROM TROUT HALL (A NAME I HAVE JUST GIVEN MY HOUSE)," AND ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1771, "THIS DAY I SET OFF FOR TROUT HALL WITH MY WIFE AND CHILD AND MRS. LAWRENCE; THEY HAVE NOT BEEN THERE SINCE I FINISHED MY HOUSE"

IT IS ABOUT FORTY-FIVE FEET SQUARE AND HAS MARBLE MANTELS AND BLACK WALNUT WAINSCOTING IN SEVERAL ROOMS. A STONE WALL EXTENDED ALONG WALNUT STREET FROM FIFTH TO JORDAN STREET. IN LATER YEARS AS THE RESIDENCE OF WALTER C. LIVINGSTON IT WAS KNOWN AS THE LIVINGSTON MANSION





TROUT HALL



ANNE PENN ALLEN, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF JAMES ALLEN, WAS BORN IN PHILADELPHIA, FEBRUARY 19, 1769. SHE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE MOST SPLENDID BEAUTIES THIS COUNTRY HAS PRODUCED—A BRUNETTE WITH A WARM, HIGH COLOR AND AUBURN HAIR. GILBERT STUART PAINTED THREE PORTRAITS OF HER, WHICH THACKERAY EXCEEDINGLY ADMIRER. SHE MARRIED JAMES GREENLEAF IN 1800, AND DIED AT ALLENTOWN, SEPTEMBER 21, 1851





ANNE PENN ALLEN



[Fac-simile of letter written by Anne Penn Allen]

Sir

I feel myself very much obliged by your
two friendly letters which I certainly should
have answered sooner had there been any
interesting intelligence to have given you
respecting the Petitions I am however very
happy to inform you that many circum-
stances are much in favor of them & that
our friends here think we have great
reason to be sanguine your letter contained
much advice which will be useful I gave
them both to a Member of the Assembly who
has a high opinion of your judgment &
thinks great advantage may be derived
from them we have many friends here
who interest themselves warmly in our behalf

is who think we shall be successful in carrying
our point

I am now I think should occur
to you on the subject I shall be very much
obliged to you if you would let me hear from
you as I find your opinions are of great
weight with many of the Members of the
Assembly,

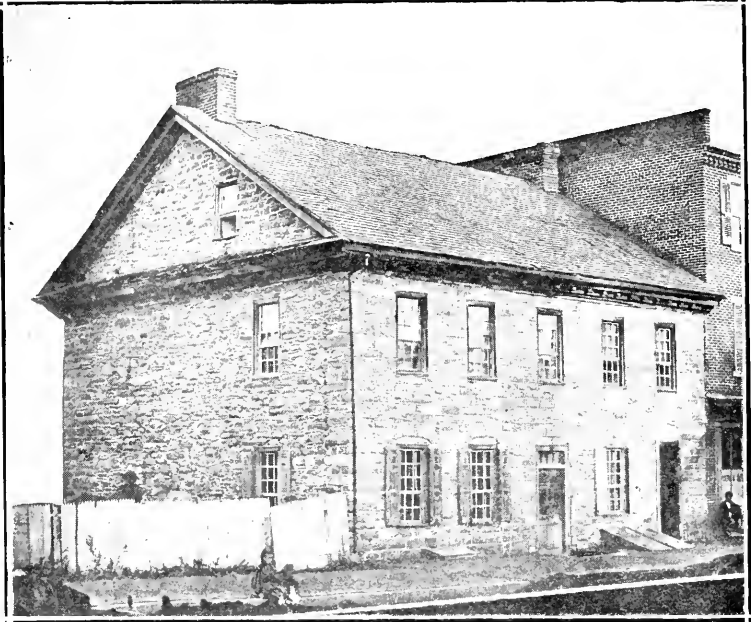
I beg you to believe me for
your friends & mosty wellwishes
Anne P. Allen

Philadelphia February 7th 1793

Peter Rhoads Esquire

Northampton County

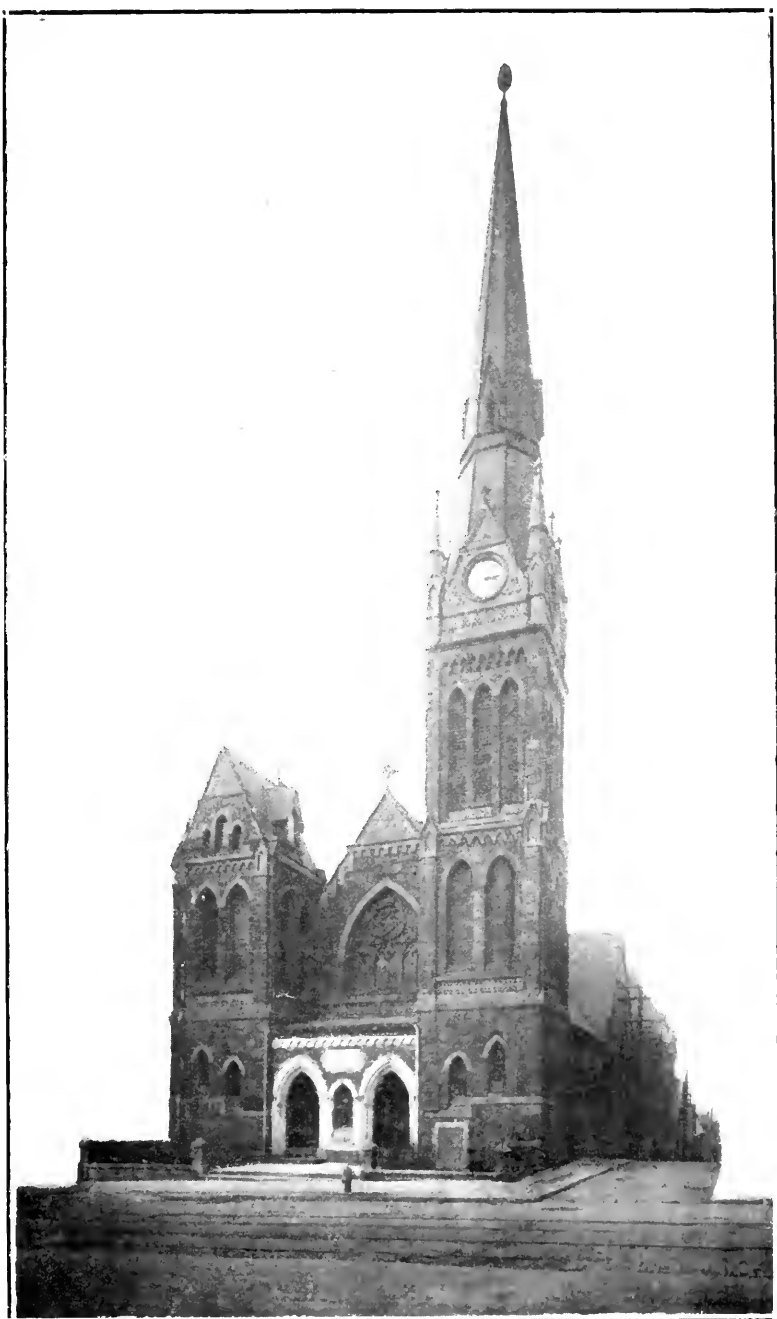
New Town



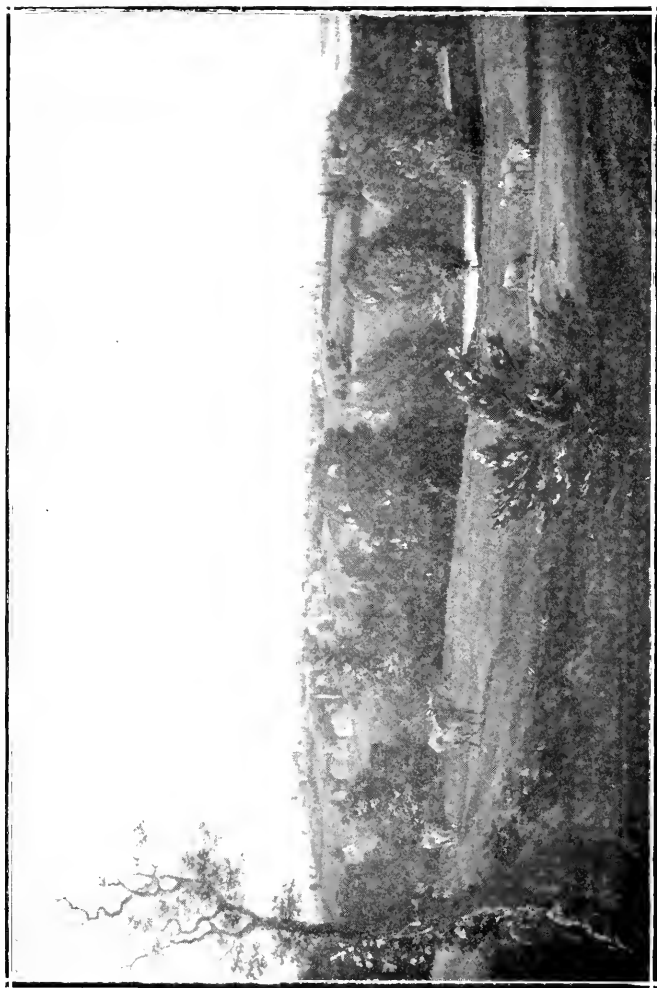
THE RHOADS HOUSE
Built by Peter Rhoads, Revolutionary Patriot and Judge, in 1762

Peter Rhoads

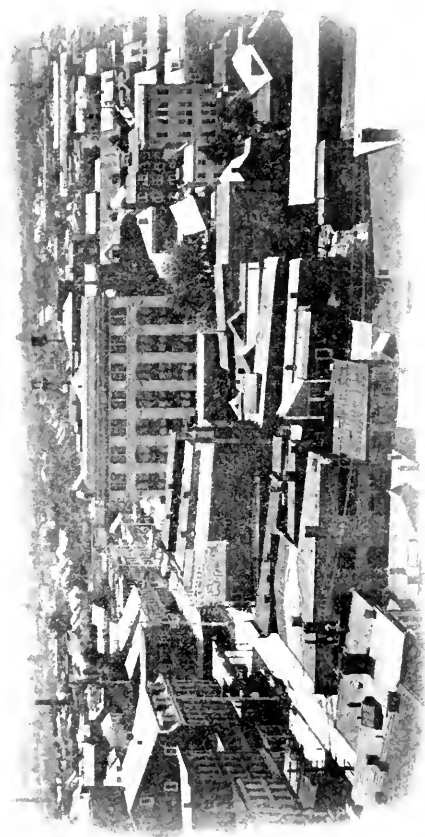




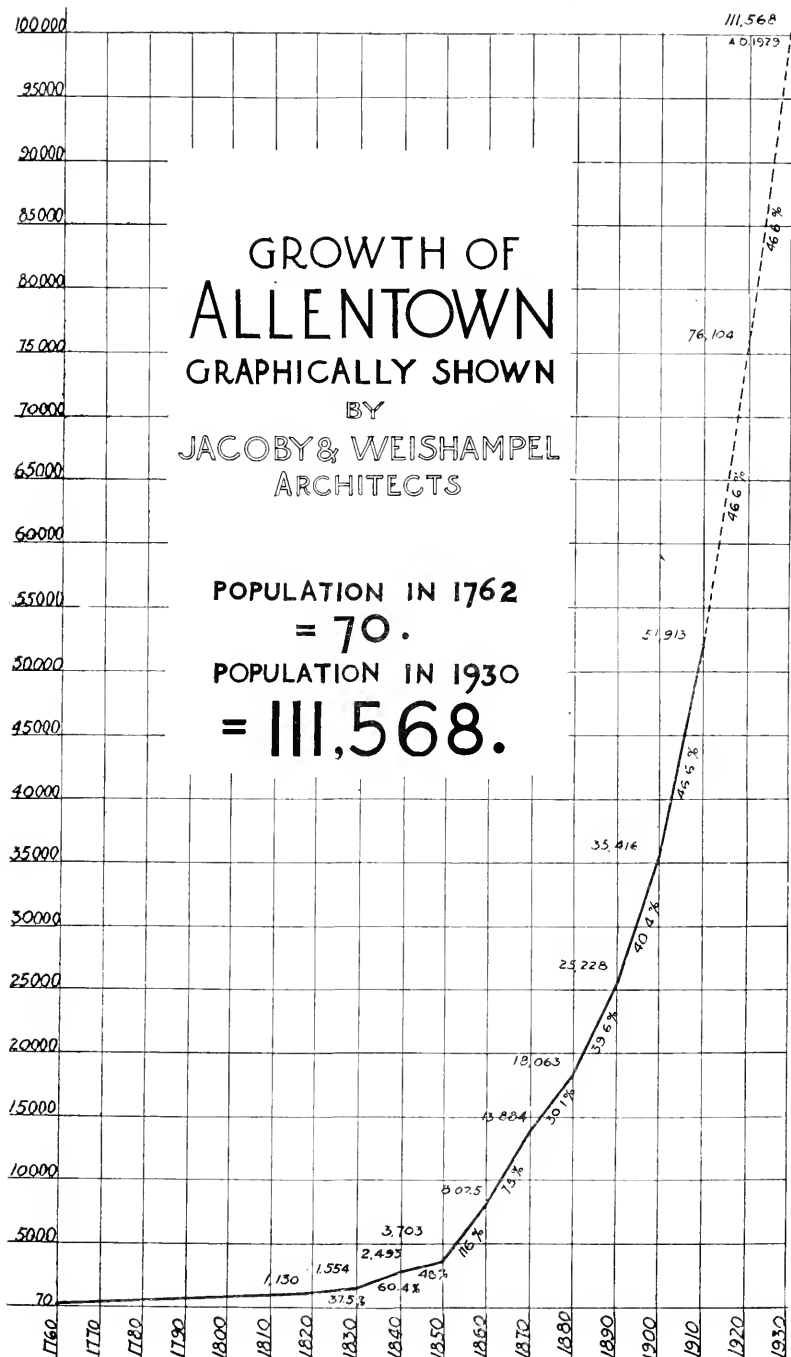
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ALLENTOWN IN 1830

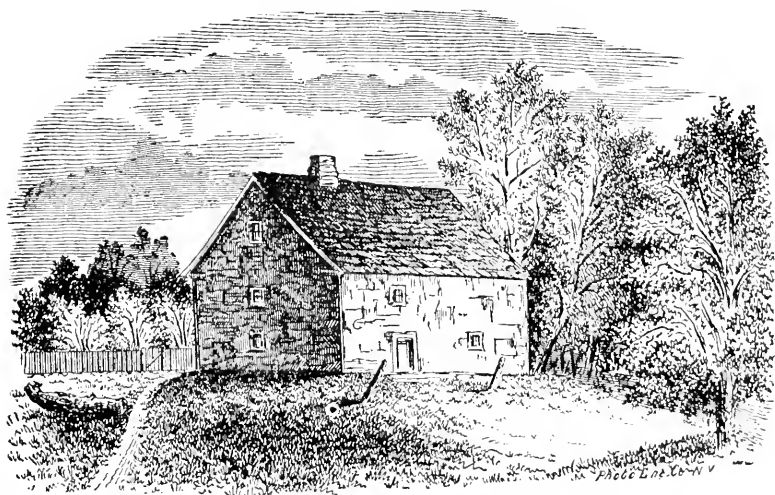


ALLENTOWN IN 1912



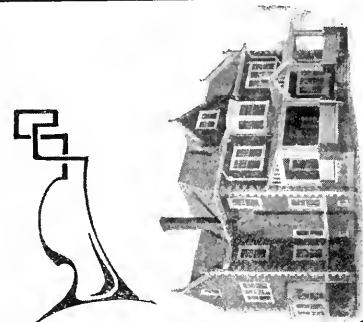


HOUSE AT CATASAUQUA, BUILT IN 1768
by George Taylor, Signer of the Declaration of Independence

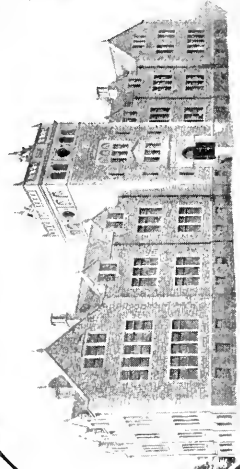


FORT DESHLER, NEAR EGYPT, PA., BUILT IN 1760
by Adam Deshler

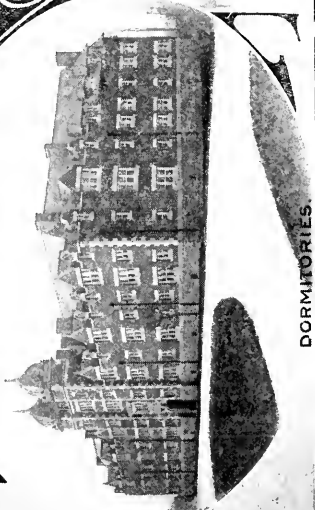
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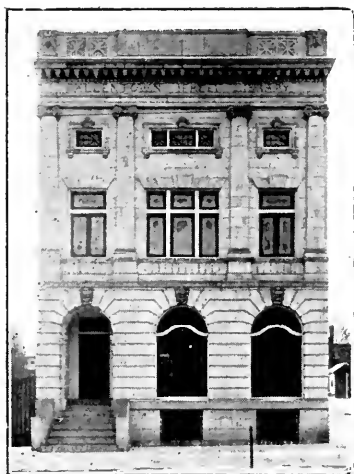
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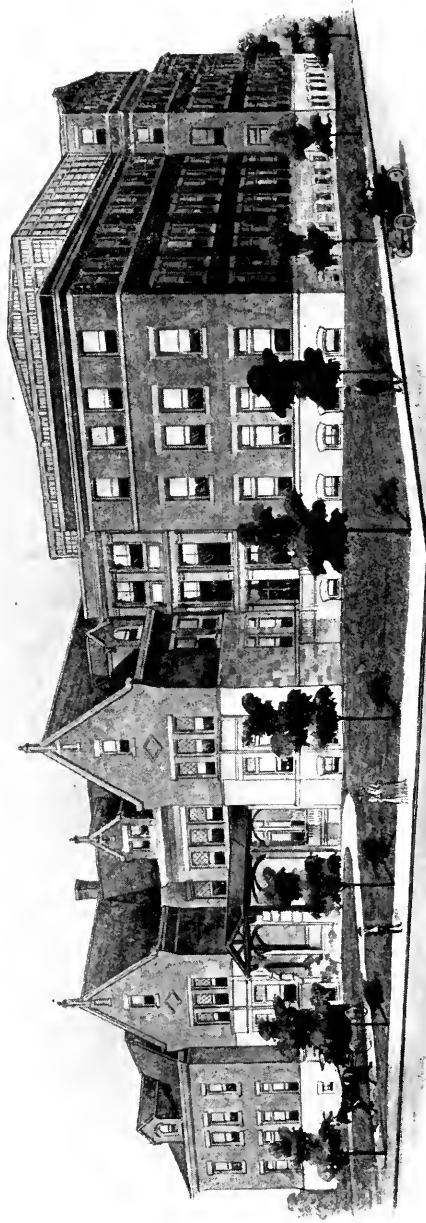


POWER HOUSE



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